

Ireland Cornwallis

ACCOUNTS have been received from Lieutenant *Gardiner*, of the *Antrim* Militia, that early on Monday the 25th instant, a Body of REBELS, consisting of several Thousands, marched from the Mountains of *Wicklow*, to attack *Hacketstown*. On seeing them approach, Lieutenant *Gardiner*, with the Troops under his Command, viz. fifty *Upper-Talbotstown*, Twenty-Four *Shebagh Cavalry*, fifty of the *Antrim Regiment*, forty-six *Hacketstown*, and thirty *Coolattin Yeoman Infantry*, took Post on the most advantageous Ground near the Town, to endeavour to prevent the REBELS from gaining Possession of it; but after a few Rounds, the Rebels filed off in every Direction, with an Intent to surround and cut him off. Lieutenant *Gardiner* then retreated with the Infantry to line the Walls and Windows of the Barrack. A Contest continued in the Midst of Flames (for the REBELS set Fire to the Town) for nine Hours, when they were obliged to retreat. Lieutenant *Gardiner* states that the REBELS suffered greatly, and that thirty Car-Loads of their killed and wounded were carried off by them in their Retreat, and many of their Dead were found in the Streets and Ditches.

Lieutenant *Gardiner* acknowledges, in the warmest Terms, the gallant Conduct of the Officers and Men, and gives particular Praise to Lieutenant *James Rowan*, of the *Antrim Regiment*; Captain *Hume*, of the *Upper-Talbotstown Cavalry*; Captain and Lieutenant *Chamley*, of the *Coolattin Infantry*; Lieutenants *Saul* and *Thomas*, of the *Hacketstown Corps*; and Lieutenants *Braddell* and *Taylor*, of the *Shebagh Cavalry*; and Serjeant *Nixon*, of the *Antrim Regiment*.

Lieutenant *Gardiner* severely regrets the Loss of a good Officer, Captain *Hardy*, of the *Hacketstown Yeoman Infantry*, who fell early in the Action.

RETURN of killed and wounded in the Defence of Hacketstown, June 25, 1798.

Upper Talbotstown Cavalry—Four killed, one wounded.

Antrim Detachment—One Serjeant and four Privates wounded.

Hacketstown Infantry—Four killed, six wounded.

Coolattin Infantry—Eight wounded.

Supplementary—Two wounded.

Total—Ten killed, twenty wounded.

" MY LORD,

" Kilkenny, 27th June, 1798.

" I HAVE the Honour to send you enclosed a Return of the killed and wounded in the Action with the REBELS at *Kittonel-Hill*, on the 26th of June, and a Return of the Ordnance, Ammunition, &c. &c. taken on that Day. I have the Pleasure to assure you, that every Thing they possessed has fallen into our Hands; and, from subsequent Accounts, the Loss they sustained was much greater than I had the Honour of stating to you in my former Dispatch. I have no Doubt but this Victory will restore the Counties of *Kilkenny* and *Carlow* to Peace and Tranquillity.

" I have the Honour to be,

" My Lord,

" Your Lordship's

" Most obedient humble Servant,

" C H A. A S G I L L,

" Major-General."

Right Hon. Viscount Castlereagh.

RETURN

*RETURN of the killed, wounded, and missing of the TROOPS engaged at Kilcon-
nel-Hill, on the 26th instant, under the Command of Major-General Sir Charles
Asgill.*

Mount-Leinster Yeoman Infantry—One Lieutenant killed.

5th Dragoons—One Horse missing.

8th Dragoons—One Sergeant wounded, one Horse killed.

Hannover's Hussars—One Rank and File wounded.

Maryborough Yeoman Cavalry—One Rank and File wounded, four Horses killed.

Total—One Lieutenant, one Corporal killed; one Serjeant and three Rank and File wounded; five Horses killed, and one missing.

OFFICERS' NAMES KILLED.

Lieutenant Stones, of the Mount-Leinster Yeoman Infantry.

RETURN of ORDNANCE, COLOURS and AMMUNITION TAKEN.

One Colours, five four Pounders, five one Pounder, four Swivels, a few Guns, and a Number of Pikes, which were destroyed as soon as taken. A Number of Shot of different Sizes, with a Quantity of Lead and Moulds.

RETURN of STORES TAKEN.

Black Cattle	1	—	170
Sheep	—	—	100
Horses	—	—	700
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		Total	970

Also a vast Quantity of Bedding, Blanketting, and wearing Apparel.

J. LEWIS HIGGINS,
Lieut. 9th Dragoons,
Acting Brigade Major

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